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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AMER PINT VS GW

SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REFS: (A) CINCPAC 020908Z APRIL 1975; (B) BONN 5167

1. CINCPAC SITREP NO. 3 (REF A) LISTS TWO GERMAN SHIPS AMONG SEALIFT ASSETS. WE CAUTION THAT THESE VESSELS MUST BE CONSIDERED AS POTENTIAL ASSETS ONLY. UNTIL WE ARE IN A POSITION TO ANSWER FRG QUESTIONS ON SECURITY (REF B AND PREVIOUS), NEITHER GERMAN GOVERNMENT NOR SHIPOWNERS WILL AGREE TO COMMIT SHIPS TO ACTION.

2. AFTER DISPATCH OF REF B, ON APRIL 1 WE INFORMED FRG FONMIN, ON BASIS OF SAIGON 3997, THAT USG DOES NOT
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HAVE ASSETS TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR FOREIGN EVACUATION

SHIPS. WE STRESSED AT TIME, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WAS
GENERAL INFORMATION SENT TO ALL INTERESTED POSTS AND
THAT WE STILL HOPED TO RECEIVE REPLY FROM SAIGON ON
SPECIFIC GERMAN QUESTIONS POSED REF B.

3. IN ABSENCE OF FURTHER WORD FROM EMBASSY BONN,
FONMIN INQUIRED THIS MORNING (APRIL 2) WHETHER WE ABLE
TO CONFIRM PRESS REPORTS THAT 900 US MARINES BEING SENT
FROM OKINAWA TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR EVACUATION.

4. REF A, JUST RECEIVED, PROVIDES INDIRECT CONFIRMA-
TION, IN THAT IT STATES (PARA 1 D) THAT NO REFUGEES WILL
BE EMBARKED ON ANY USN SHIPPING THAT DOES NOT HAVE
USMC SECURITY CONTROL FORCES EMBARKED.

5. IF GERMAN ASSISTANCE STILL CONSIDERED DESIRABLE,
WILL BE NECESSARY TO ADDRESS QUICKLY QUESTION OF
WHETHER MARINES MIGHT ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR
SECURITY CONTROL ON GERMAN MERCHANT VESSELS.

6. REQUEST GUIDANCE.
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